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TRAPOLIN READY FOR DISCUSSION

Moreau to Ask Council to Invite Prober

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Council Vice-President James A. Moreau announced Wednesday that Ivor Trapolin has informed him that he will appear before the City Council if invited to discuss his allegations of the existence of organized crime in New Orleans.

Moreau said that on Thursday he will request Council members to invite Trapolin to appear before the Council. Trapolin, who is chairman of the mayor's Advisory Committee on Crime and Delinquency, has asked that public authorities investigate his charges.

Tuesday Chief Administrative Officer Bernard B. Levy, in the absence of Mayor Victor H. Schiro from the city called on Trapolin to "remove his charges from the area of innuendoes and generalities" and to be "specific" in his allegations.

"In his office he knows he has an assistant who has been meeting with Carlos Marcello in the past," Trapolin replied in expressing surprise at Levy's statement.

Trapolin's reference was to Louis Gomez, budget analyst in the CAO's office, who on March 28 was suspended by Levy for 30 days following disclosures that he had met and discussed city business with the Jefferson Parish rackets figure.

"I can appreciate and respect the work that Mr. Trapolin is attempting to do on the mayor's committee," Moreau said Wednesday.

"However, I will say this again and I agree with Mr. Levy completely when he stated: 'Let's avoid generalizations and be specific.'"

"I will discuss the matter with other members of the City Council and request them to extend an invitation for Mr. Trapolin to appear before the Council.

"I've spoken to Mr. Trapolin and he has told me that he would be glad to appear."